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Cairo. President Nasser's abrupt breakoff of diplomatic relations with Iran on the alleged ground of the Shah's de facto recognition of Israel has a more substantial root. Since the Sinai war Iran has supplied Israel with petroleum, shipped up the Gulf of Aqaba to Eilat in violation of the Arab League boycott. During the first week of August—*i.e.*, at the time of Nasser's denunciation—the 16-inch pipeline from Eilat to Haifa was completed. This will have a capacity of 4-5,000,000 tons annually, three times as much as Israel needs. Her plan is to refine the surplus for export to Europe, thus bypassing the Suez Canal and gaining a double profit.

Canterbury, England. The well-known writer, Edward Hyams, is among a group of prominent persons who are concerned with a phenomenon in England that shows similarities to the flying saucer problem. In his home county (Kent) and a number of other localities, principally near the coast, certain people—comprising in all from 5 to 10 per cent of the entire English population—hear a low-pitched (14 to 20 cycles per second) hum. This is so disturbing to them at night that they do not sleep properly, and in some cases become ill. Careful investigation seems to prove that this sound is not a subjective manifestation of ear or mental trouble. Mr. Hyams believes it to be a side-effect of some very large-scale military or industrial device, perhaps involving military security. As partial confirmation of the security angle, it seems to be curiously difficult to get straightforward investigative cooperation from governmental agencies or officially sponsored scientific groups.

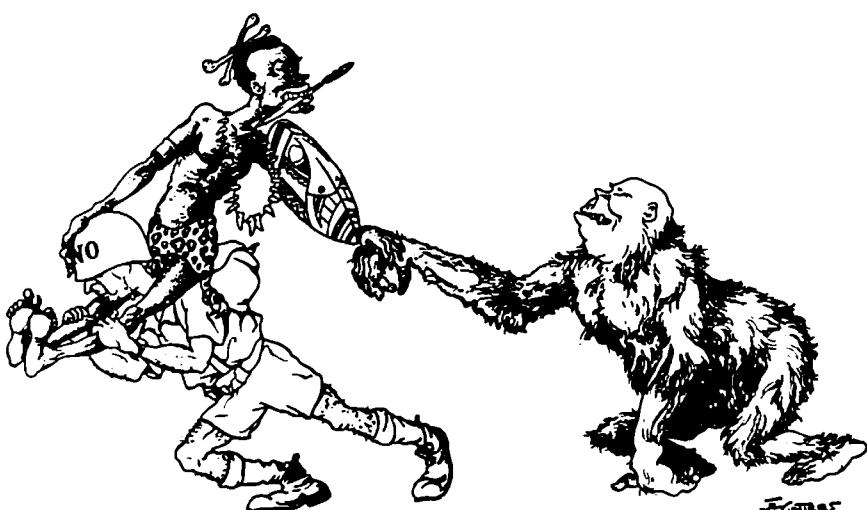
Vientiane, Laos. The curious revolt through which Captain Kong Le and fewer than a thousand paratroopers gained ascendancy over a government with 30,000 soldiers at its supposed command, seems to be the start of a new push by Communist China into Southeast Asia. The map shows that Laos—which has received more U.S.

aid per capita than any other country in the world—is a kind of strategic hub of the Southeast Asian peninsula. Its frontiers march with China, both North and South Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand and Burma. Stating a program of neutralism, expulsion of foreign military (e.g., American and French), good relations with Communist countries, and a truce with the internal Communist guerrillas (Pathet Lao), Captain Kong Le, who seems to be only a pawn in the serious struggle, settled for a new government under Prince Souvanna Phouma. This latter is half-brother of the "Red Prince," Souphanouvong, who last year suddenly disappeared from official life in order to pay a secret visit to Peiping and subsequently join the guerrillas in the field. Operations may soon spread to neighboring Cambodia, like Laos a successor state of French Indochina, where Chinese Premier Chou En-lai, accompanied by Marshal and Foreign Minister Chen Yi, was warmly received on a visit in May.

Pretoria, South Africa. A white Afrikaner man and a Negro Bantu woman were recently prosecuted for having had sexual relations—a crime under the strict and apartheid-oriented Immorality Act. In court, they were brought together into the dock. The man protested on racial grounds. His objection was sustained, and the woman removed. Both were convicted.

Elizabethville, Katanga. First-hand observers report that Dag Hammarskjold was much impressed by his stay in Katanga. He saw for himself that as a human being Moise Tshombe is a large dimension above Patrice Lumumba. He learned that, though Tshombe is naturally supported by the Union Minière interests and wants to keep the white technicians whom he knows to be indispensable to the African economy, he is by no means a Belgian or any other sort of puppet. His father was a successful businessman, the first native Congolese to pay for a trip to Europe with his own money. The son entered political life only two years ago, at the age of forty, when he founded "Conakat," to defend the interests of the

great Lunda tribal associations, to whose royal family he belongs. In this summer's crisis, he has been learning quickly, and has shown a real political flair in dealing with the Lumumba government, the UN, the Belgians, and the Baluba tribes which are his chief local opposition. When Hammarskjold arrived at the airport, Tshombe, with a kind of deadpan political wit, led him slowly past the new Katangese flag and a smart unit of the embryonic Katangese army. Hammarskjold could also see that Katanga's industries and services were actively functioning, from the great smokestack of the UM's smelter—highest structure in Africa—to busy cafés along the boulevards. The logic of African nationalism and racism would seem to leave no place for a Moise Tshombe, but for the man of sufficient resolution, all things are possible.



Lumumba: "See you later in Katanga."

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